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SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF GAMBIAN NURSE FOR IV

REF: A) BANJUL 332; B) STATE 097013 (NOTAL);
C) BANJUL 0416; D) STATE 100170

1) EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S RAPID, HELPFUL RESPONSE TO REF C, CONDITIONED IN REF D. FOR SOME REASON WE NEVER RECEIVED STATE A-1569, BUT WE NOW HAVE SUFFICIENT GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATION CCP, AND WILL HOPE TO RECEIVE POUCHED COPY A-1569 BEFORE WE SUBMIT PLAN PROPOSAL.

2) EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECONSIDERATION NEGATIVE REACTION (REF B) REGARDING INCLUSION GAMBIAN NURSE UNDER FY-77 CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM. NURSES HERE ARE WELL RECOGNIZED PROFESSIONALS IN COUNTRY WHERE PROFESSIONS ARE LIMITED TO TINY ELITE. WOMEN IN GAMBIA ARE READILY ACCEPTED AS LEADERS IN NURSING FIELD, INSPITE OF STRONG TRADITIONAL VIEW REGARDING WOMEN'S ROLE WHICH TENDS PREVAIL HERE. (ONLY OTHER FIELD IN WHICH WOMEN HAVE SIMILAR LEADING POSITION IS TEACHING, AND TEACHERS ARE REGULARLY INCLUDED IN GAMBIA IV PROGRAM). MANY NURSES ARE WIVES OF CIVIL SERVANTS, POLITICIANS, BUSINESSMEN, AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS, WHO TOGETHER ARE MAJOR OPINION MOLDERS.

3) IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE NURSE IN IV CATEGORY, COULD DEPARTMENTSUGGEST SOME OTHER MEANS BY WHICH WE COULD BE RESPONSIVE
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GAMBIAN REQUEST PARA ONE REFTTEL ? FYI - THIS SUBJECT

HAS BEEN RAISED BY PRESIDENT'S OFFICE IN DISCUSSION
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